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Applicant wishes to make of record in the above-identified application the document on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-patent reference is enclosed herewith, as well as a link to a web site.

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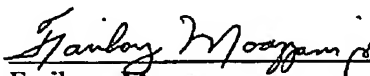
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Respectfully submitted,

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